COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Preliminary Amendment in the above-identified application.

_	Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR §1.9 and §1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
	A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR §1.9 and §1.27 is enclosed.
_	Petition for a month extension of time and the separate fee therefor is enclosed.
	No additional claim filing fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below.

CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NO.	PRESENT EXTRA	SMALL	ENTITY		LARGE ENTITY	
		PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR		RATE		ITIONAL FEE	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL	33	MINUS – 20	=12	x \$ 9.00 =	\$		x \$ 18.00 =	\$216.00
INDEPENDENT	2	MINUS - 3		x \$42.00 =	·s		x \$ 84.00 =	\$
First presentation of multiple dependent claim			+ \$140.00 =	\$	17 28	+ \$280.00 =	\$	
			Total Fee		s			\$216.00

<u>X</u>	Please charge Deposit Account No. 50-1606 in the amount of \$216.00 to cover the claim filing fee.					
	A check in the amount of \$ to cover the claim filing fee is enclosed.					
	Conditional Petition For Extension of Time: An extension of time, if necessary, is requested to provide					
_	for timely filing of this communication.					
	A duplicate copy of this transmittal sheet is enclosed.					
$\overline{\mathbf{x}}$	Other: Version With Markings To Show Changes Made and Self-Addressed Stamped Postcard.					
	The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required in connection					
	with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1606					
Date: 12	13/0L By forther / Chamber					
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